

## FLOCK TO BALTIMORE

All Races Are Represented at Methodist Conference.

## SESSIONS OPEN THIS MORNING

Meetings Being Held in Lyric Theater—Pacific Coast Has Two Candidates for Bishops—Negroes Want a Bishop—Race Question May Be Involved in the Result.

(Special to The Washington Herald.)

Baltimore, Md., May 5.—All races, nations, and tongues were represented in the throng that crowded the Lyric this morning. It consisted of the delegates to the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, which opens to-morrow. They came from the ends of the earth. China, Japan, India, Sweden, Germany, Italy, Switzerland, Africa, Canada, and North and South America have sent men to bear greetings to the conference, either as delegates or fraternal visitors. In addition, there were men from every State and large city in this country.

Here and there scattered about the building were groups of men of the same nationality. Suddenly one would break away, and rushing across the room to another group, would grasp a man by the hand as if he were a long-lost brother and in broken English speak his name. Stories of the last and previous conferences were told and little incidents recalled.

## President of Japanese College.

Among the first arrivals was Dr. U. Sasamori, president of the Chienri College of Japan. He left home several weeks ago. After a long journey across the Pacific Ocean and the American continent, he reached Baltimore this morning. Just one day ahead of time. He comes as the fraternal delegate of the Methodist Church in Japan. Several men gave him a royal greeting. They had gone to the Pacific with him fifteen years ago. Others met him at the great church gathering in Denmark some years ago. He carried a sword several hundred years old, which he brought as a gift to a friend.

Just beyond him was a group shaking hands with Rev. Dr. K. A. Johnson, the delegate from Stockholm, Sweden. He is president of the Theological School there. Dr. Johnson is a Swede by birth, but has many relatives in this country. He arrived a month ago.

Everything is in shape for the opening to-morrow. Partitions have been built, offices have been fitted up, telephone wires have been run into the building. The dining-room is being fitted up, and will be ready for service to-morrow.

## Conference Called to-day.

Conference will be called to order promptly at 10 o'clock to-morrow morning. Bishop D. A. Goodwill will not read the Episcopal address to-morrow. It will be read Thursday morning. As a result, only organization will be effected and such business done as can come up before the address is read. The bishops will take turns in presiding.

The board of bishops met at the Hotel Belvedere this morning to complete the final draft of its report and to wind up its work. The board of control of the Epworth League held its last session before making its report to the conference this morning. A number of other committees held meetings at the various hotels.

## Two Candidates from West.

The Pacific Coast has two candidates for bishopric honors. Rev. Dr. Robert McIntyre, pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal Church at Los Angeles, and Rev. Dr. Freeman D. Vavard, of Berkeley. The latter is both a preacher and an editor. Dr. McIntyre began his career as a mason and bricklayer. Later he studied at Vanderbilt University. He built the first church of which he was pastor with his own hands. Later he became pastor of a church in Chicago, on which he had been a bricklayer.

## Rev. Edward G. Randall, head of the Epworth League, is here.

"The Epworth League is all right," said Mr. Randall to-day. "Since the last General Conference, four years ago, it has added more than 2,000 chapters to its membership. There are as many chapters to-day as there are Methodist pastors. The league is self-supporting. The children contribute their pennies, their nickels, and their dimes so abundantly, and willingly, too, that we do not have to seek assistance elsewhere."

## Admirer of Bryan.

"I have intense admiration for William Jennings Bryan," said Dr. Randall, "though I have never voted for him. I was attending the Nebraska conference last year when Mr. Bryan made an address by invitation. I suppose the Democrats present were few and far between, but the oration given him was truly a magnificent demonstration. The purity of his life and the manhood displayed in his declarations appeal to all men who admire bravery and singleness of purpose."

"I believe that Methodist bishops are the greatest travelers in the world," said Bishop Hartzell to-day, who is carrying the banner of Methodism to illuminate "darkest Africa."

"In the last two years I have traveled 10,000 miles, and for several years my average has not been under 20,000."

One of the most interesting men here for the conference is Rev. William F. Whitlock, of Delaware, Ohio, who for forty-nine consecutive years has been a professor in the Ohio Wesleyan University, the famous Methodist institution at which some of the most noted men of the country have received their education. He taught Senator Foraker much of the Latin that renowned statesman ever learned, and likewise he performed the same service for Vice President Fairbanks, both having been students at the Ohio Wesleyan.

## Negroes Want a Bishop.

The negro-five colored delegates to the conference will renew the fight for a bishop of their own race. Bishop Scott, of Africa, is the only colored bishop now in the church. At the general conference four years ago 271 votes were polled for a colored bishop. The colored delegates are divided between Dr. U. C. B. Mason, of Cincinnati, and secretary of the Freedman's Aid Society, and Dr. J. W. E. Bowen, president of Gammon Theological Seminary, Atlanta, Ga.

The race question may come up as a proposition to divert all the funds of the Freedman's Aid Society to the colored race.

## Bishop J.W. Hamilton is to preside at the opening of the conference.

Bishop Hamilton, of San Francisco, is a well-known figure in Methodist circles in the far West. He was presiding over a conference in Vermont when San Francisco was laid low by earthquake and fire. His family escaped, though he lost his home, which he has since rebuilt.

## Million for Fire Escapes.

New York, May 5.—The board of aldermen, at its meeting to-day, approved the action of the board of estimate in appropriating \$1,000,000 for fitting schools with proper fire escapes and putting them in as safe condition as possible.

## SPLIT IN FIFTH GEORGIA.

Two Taft and Two Foraker Delegates Are Elected.

Atlanta, Ga., May 5.—Edwin F. Blodgett, Atlanta's postmaster, and Ananias Brown, a negro, were chosen delegates to Chicago by the administration wing of the Republican party in the Fifth Georgia district in convention here to-day. Both are uneducated, but are for Taft. The anti-administration forces, who were excluded by the administration men, held a separate convention and elected Thomas Blodgett, brother of the postmaster, and C. C. Wimble, a negro lawyer, as Chicago delegates. Blodgett and Wimble are for Foraker.

## Thomas Blodgett bitterly denounced his brother and other officeholders for trying to dominate the Republicans of Georgia.

## WILL INSTRUCT FOR BRYAN.

## South Carolina Will Send Pledged Delegates to Denver Convention.

Columbia, S. C., May 5.—Returns from the forty-two counties in South Carolina show that twenty-four have voted to instruct their delegates to vote for an instructed delegation to the national convention and to send delegates to Denver pledged for Bryan.

## The State convention is composed of 32 members, of whom 17 are instructed and 15 uninstructed. In many counties resolutions were adopted endorsing Bryan.

## SENATORS MAY ENTER FIGHT

## Bulkeley and Brandegee Seek to Become Delegates to Chicago.

## Their Opposition to Taft and Roosevelt Expected to Result in Convention Clash.

## Hartford, Conn., May 5.—Delegates to the Chicago convention will be elected by the Republican State convention to-morrow. The convention held a preliminary session in the Auditorium this evening, when Senator F. S. Luther, president of Trinity College, made a speech as temporary chairman. Senator Luther paid an eloquent tribute to the Republican party and the men who have been nominated for it for the Presidency.

## Committees were named to-night after the address of the chairman, and the convention then adjourned until to-morrow morning.

## Various caucus caucuses were held after the adjournment to select candidates for presentation to the State Congressional district conventions to-morrow for delegates to Chicago.

## It is probable that the selections will be made in the convention without any fights, unless the two United States Senators, Bulkeley and Brandegee, insist upon their desire to go. There is considerable opposition to their going, for one reason, because they are credited with being hostile to Roosevelt and Taft, and, for another, because it has been the custom in the State for many years for the United States Senators to refrain from attending conventions as delegates.

## The sentiment of the convention is overwhelmingly for Taft.

## Among those who are regarded as likely to be among the delegates to Chicago are Hon. O. R. Fyler, of Northington; Hon. Charles F. Brooks, of Ansonia; Charles H. Clark, of Hartford; Chairman of State Central Committee Michael F. Carter, and Col. Charles N. Jarvis, of Berlin.

## WATCH HUGHES' FUTURE.

## Organization Republicans in New York Fear His Renomination.

## New York, May 5.—The Woodruff men and the Parsons men are acutely curious as to Gov. Hughes' future, especially if the governor, failing to be nominated for President, and continuing to withstand any movement to nominate him for the Vice Presidency, should at the last moment change his mind about not desiring a renomination for governor.

## The governor has said in personal conversations that he desired to return to the practice of his profession on January 1. Yet in view of recent events, especially the governor's stand on the Agnew-Hart racing bill, most of the Republicans connected with the State organization are rather concerned lest the governor should seek renomination.

## If he appoints Mr. Bruce to the bench these politicians will be inclined to take it as indicating that he is not averse to a renomination.

## SPLIT IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

## Two Sets of Delegates Selected by Fifth District Republicans.

## Columbia, S. C., May 5.—The Fifth district Republican convention at Rock Hill to-day elected F. R. Massey, of Lancaster, and G. A. Watts, of Rock Hill, as delegates to the Republican national convention. The convention was friendly to Fairbanks, but did not instruct the delegates.

## A factional contest was pulled off and two other delegates—W. E. Boykin, of Camden, and Thomas Elster, of Geffney, were elected and instructed for Taft.

## Instructed for Roosevelt.

## Austin, Tex., May 5.—The Travis County Republican convention held here to-day selected delegates to the State and Congressional conventions to name delegates to the Republican national convention.

## The delegates were instructed to support Roosevelt as first choice, and Taft as second choice. The convention was what is known as the regular Republicans.

## Administration Is Indorsed.

## Gainesville, Ga., May 5.—The Republicans of the Ninth district at Wayneboro to-day named R. R. Wright, of Savannah, and J. N. Elder, of Hagan, as delegates to Chicago. The delegates were instructed for Foraker.

## Taft Gets First Virginia.

## Special to The Washington Herald.

## Elizabeth City, Va., May 5.—Secretary Taft was indorsed to-day by the First district Republican convention. Resolutions praising the Roosevelt administration were adopted.

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## KILLS HIS PLAYMATE

Boy Hurries to Church and Is Found Praying.

## WILD WEST PLAY IS FATAL

Joe Finley, Ten Years Old, Shoots Eight-year-old Frank Green with an Air Rifle—The Victim Was Standing on Pile of Stones Used as Fort When Fatal Shot Is Fired.

(Special to The Washington Herald.)

New York, May 5.—The sanctuary lamp was burning in front of the altar in the Roman Catholic church of St. John the Baptist, in West Thirtieth street, between Sixth and Eighth avenues, at dusk this evening, when a boy swung open the massive oak door and entered. Save for the light burning in honor of the blessed sacrament, the church was dark. The boy staggered up the aisle and knelt on the altar step. For an hour or more he prostrated himself before the altar and prayed as he never had prayed before. The far end of the church was in inky blackness. The dusk outside turned to night, and strange noises reached the boy's ears. He shuddered and buried his face in his hands, but kept on with his prayers.

And that's how the police found ten-year-old Joe Finley, who had an hour before shot Frankie Green, eight years old, while playing wild West in the back yard of 352 West Eighteenth street.

All the afternoon youngsters of the neighborhood had been playing cowboy and Indians.

Armed with Air Rifle.

Joe Finley was the only cowboy in the show who was armed. He had an air rifle, and he started firing away at a bullseye that had been chalked on the fence at the rear of the yard. He hit the mark after several failures, and when a cheer went up from the spectators and the other members of the show, he took another shot.

Frankie, who, with his brother Willie, twelve years old, was standing on a pile of stones that had been heaped up as a fort held by the cowboys, when the Indians whooped and charged, screamed and fell to the dirt. Blood was trickling from Frankie's right eye. Two of the boys hurried to 352 West Eighteenth street, next door, and told Mrs. Green. The bullet had entered the head above the right eye, and lodged in the brain, and before the surgeons could probe for it Frankie died.

Joe Finley, after the shooting, ran to the church, where he was found by the police. He was arrested, weeping as though his heart was breaking, and was turned over to the Gerry Society.

## ENVOYS TO GO BY CRUISER.

## The Albany Will Convey Buchanan and Creel to Costa Rica.

Mexico City, May 5.—The United States cruiser Albany will convey William I. Buchanan and Enrique Creel, the special envoys from the United States and Mexico, respectively, to the Central American republics from Salina Cruz to Punta Arenas, Costa Rica. The envoys will depart from Salina Cruz on May 14, and will reach San Jose in time for the opening of the Supreme Court of Justice of Central America in June.

It has not been definitely decided whether they will visit other Central American republics.

The disturbed condition of political affairs in Guatemala has caused a change to be made in the original itinerary. It is probable that they will include Nicaragua and Salvador in their return trip.

## DENY THEY ARE IN POLITICS

## Vernon and Dancy to Attend Conference as Churchmen.

Recorder of Deeds Says He Will Not Further Their Interests at Church Meetings.

W. T. Vernon, Register of the Treasury, and John C. Dancy, recorder of deeds in the District, will attend the conferences of the A. M. E. Church at Philadelphia and Norfolk this week.

Vernon will attend as a Methodist minister and member of the A. M. E. General Conference. Dancy is a member of the General Conference and editor of the Quarterly Review.

It has been announced that both delegates were to attend the conferences to further the interests of Secretary Taft in his Presidential campaign. This is denied by Vernon and Dancy.

Dancy last night made the following statement:

"Permit me to correct a statement to the effect that I, among others, had been assigned by somebody to go to Norfolk, Va., where the A. M. E. General Conference is in session, and also to Philadelphia, where the A. M. E. Zion Conference convenes this week, to do work to advance the political fortunes of a particular candidate for the Presidency."

"So far as I am concerned, the article is a splendid piece of imagination, but sadly lacking in the element of correctness. I am a member of the general conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, and have attended this session every four years since 1880. This session, therefore, will be my eighth. I bear and have borne official relations to the body for over twenty years, so that it is hardly fair to presume that I would have this year to go to Norfolk and Philadelphia. And yet if the issue is raised I never run from it, but try to meet it rationally and patriotically."

"When the joint board of bishops of all the colored Methodist churches met here three months ago it became my duty, in part, to welcome those dignitaries in a brief address. A similar duty befell me when my own bishops held their session here a few days prior. In neither instance did I mention politics, nor did any other 'race-holders'. But politics were introduced later, and the world knows how who introduced them."

"I will not go to Norfolk unless sent by my general conference, which is not probable. Were I to go I would not need to be dabble in political discussion, because there is plenty of room elsewhere for that. But I will be at Philadelphia to assist in the work before that body, to take part in the controversies that will arise in the election of bishops and general officers, but not to turn so great a religious body into a political war meeting."

"My belief is that fear is father to the charge."

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